

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the current title with the following:

--OBTAINING AN ALIPHATIC DIALDEHYDE MONOACETAL--

On page 1, immediately following the title, please add the following new section:

**--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

The present application is a National Stage application of PCT/EP2003/013370, filed November 27, 2003, which claims priority from German Patent Application No. DE 102 55 674.4, filed November 28, 2002.--